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SUBJECT: NAVAL EXELPE "GOOD FRIENDSHIP":

POSSIBLE TAF LIVE FIRING IN AEGEAN

REF: USDAO ACARA 100835Z AND 101553Z MAY 74 (NOTAL)

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SUMMARY: AS PRELUDE TO JOINT NAVAL EXERCISE WITH US

JUNE 2, TURKEY HAS SCHEDULED ANOTHER UNILATERAL FIRING EXERCISE IN DISPUTED AREA OF AEGEAN WHICH, LIKE SIMILAR OPERATION MARCH 26, SEEMS LIKELY RAISE GREEKTEMPERS. WE SUGGEST USG CONSIDER MOVES REDUCE US CONNECTION AND ATTEMPT DAMP DOWN POSSIBILIBITES GREEK-TURKISH CONFRONTATION. END SUMMARY

1. REF MESSAGES REPORT BILATERAL US-TURK NAVAL EXERCISE "GOOD FRIENDSHIP", UNDER NATO AUSPICES, WILL BEGIN JUNE 2 WITH TWO TURKISH VESSELS MAKING RENDEZVOUS WITH US VESSELS AT ABOUT 1600Z NORTHWEST OF CHIOS IST ND. WHILE TURKISH VESSELS ARE EN ROUTE TO RENDEZVOUS, UNILATERAL LIVDS FIRING EXERCISE WITH AIRCRAFT FROM BASES IN WESTERN TURKEY WILL DG CONDUCTED AT 1200 TO 1400Z. PLAN IN ESSENCE APPEARS BE RESTITUTIONOF MARCH 26 EXERCISE "DAFFODIL FACE" WHICH AROUSED STRONG GREEK RESENTMENT.

2. AS IN EARLIER EXERCISE, TURKISH AIR FORCE (TAF) HAS REQUESTED GREEK AUTHORITIES, WHO CONTROL AEGEAN FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR), TO ISSUE A NOTICE TO AIRMEN (NOTAM) FOR THE TURKISH AIR SORTIE. GOG HAS NOT RESPONDED. IF GREEKS DO NOT RESPOND TO FURTHER EFFORTS, TAFTREPORTEDLY WILL ISSUE ITS OWN NOTAM AND PROCEED.

3. COMMENT: IN CONTST OF DISPUTE WITH GREECE OVER AEGEAN OIL, TURKS EVIDENTLY WISH TO ASSERT ONCE MORE WHAT THEY CONSIDER THEIR RIGHT TO CONDUCT MILITARY EXERCISES IN AREA OF DISPUTED OIL CLAIMS. WHILE NO US AIRCRAFT WILL PARTICIPATE IN FIRING EXERCISE, PROXIMITY OF THIS UNILATERAL OPERATION TO SUBSEQUENT RENDEZVOUS WITH US VESSELS (ONLY TWO HOURS SEPARATION) COULD LEND ITSELF TO INTERPRETATION THAT US ACCEPTS TURKISH RATHER THAN GREEK VIEW ON DISPUTED MARITIME ISSUES INVOLVED.

4. US NAVY TEAM HERE PLANNING EXERCISE WITH TGS HAS DONE WHAT IT CAN TO MINIMIZE IMPRESSION OF US CONNECTION WITH TURKISH NATIONAL EXERCISE BY NOT ALLOWING FIRING EXERCISE TO APPEAR IN "GOOD FRIENDSHIP" OPERATIONS ORDER. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE ADDITIONAL STEPS ARE IN ORDER. AT LEAST WE SHOULD ATTEMPT (A) ADJUST "GOOD CONFIDENTIAL

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FRIENDSHIP" SCHEDULE TO SEPARATE TO GREATER EXTENT TURKISH UNILATERAL FIRING EXERCISE FROM RENDEZVOUS WITH US SHIPS AND (B) ENCOURAGE EARLY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN APPROPRIATE TURK AND GREEK MILITARY REPS AT NATO TO SEEK TO PREVENT KIND OF SITUATION THAT AROSE 4-; "DAFFODIL FACE".  
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